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REMARKS

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1. On 22 August 1951, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Meerstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), quartered about 1,500 troops, mostly recruits, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Increased activity of patrols was noticed in the billeting area. About 300 troops were observed receiving basic training, including close-order drill and physical training. [redacted] preparatory to the scheduled movement of the headquarters from the Ardelt plant, the billeting area of the Schuetzen Kaserne had been divided by a board fence. Three former headquarters buildings and 4 barracks buildings of the Schuetzen Kaserne were scheduled to house the headquarters from the Ardelt plant. The lavatories in the barracks buildings were to be converted in offices. However, the remodeling work was recently discontinued, allegedly because of a lack of funds.

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2. On 23 August, the eastern section of the administration building of the Ardelt plant was not occupied to capacity. The building on Bold Strasse appeared to be very quiet. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets and examined the passes of all personnel entering and leaving the plant premises.

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3. On 22 August, the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse was only partially occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Small groups of up to 12 men were seen receiving training. Trucks were identified at the installation. (4)

4. On 14 August, the hutment on Breitscheid Strasse was not occupied to capacity. The troops there wore black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, and red-bordered black epaulets. Twelve trucks were seen in the yard. (5)

5. A unit of about 350 officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 12 rocket launchers, 3 field kitchens and 10 trucks was entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station on 26 August. The unit had come from the Schuetzen Kaserne and departed northward. A motor column seen driving toward the Schuetzen Kaserne from a westerly direction on 30 August, consisted of rocket launchers and 5 trucks occupied by about 100 soldiers. A motor column which left the Schuetzen Kaserne toward Finow on 4 September consisted of 8 rocket launchers and 6 trucks occupied by about 120 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (6)

Comments.

- (1) Components of the unidentified AAA division and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from the Schuetzen Kaserne were reported to have left for field training. The present report indicates that the recruits in the installation received instruction in driving and special training which can be conducted at troop training grounds only with difficulty. the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army would move from the Ardelt plant to a restricted area north of the Waldfriedhof (cemetery) in the fall of 1951. It is possible that elements of the headquarters may have moved to the Schuetzen Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne. The vehicle mentioned in the present report are primarily assigned to the unidentified AAA division and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (2) the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde until 25 July 1951.

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- (3) Elements of the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army are believed to be in the Templin training area. Most of the vehicle mentioned in the present report belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (4) The information indicates that the components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which are carried in the Artillerie Kaserne were still at the Templin troop training grounds by 22 August 1951. Most of the vehicle mentioned in the present report belong to this division.

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- (5) [redacted] the hutment was occupied by about 300 troops, 50X1-HUM
probably of a signal unit, in early August 1951. [redacted] 20
trucks there at a time. [redacted] Since the present report 50X1-HUM
indicates that the troops there wore motor insignia, and since other reports
mentioned a relatively large number of motor vehicles, it is possible that
the hutment quarters a motor transport unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
The motor vehicle [redacted] reported are believed to belong to this army.
(6) [redacted] the weapons reported, it is believed that 50X1-HUM
three batteries of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were
entrained on 26 August. They may have gone to the Templin troop training
grounds. The motor columns observed on 30 August and 4 September 1951 probably
belonged to the same regiment.

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